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of the
Main Club.

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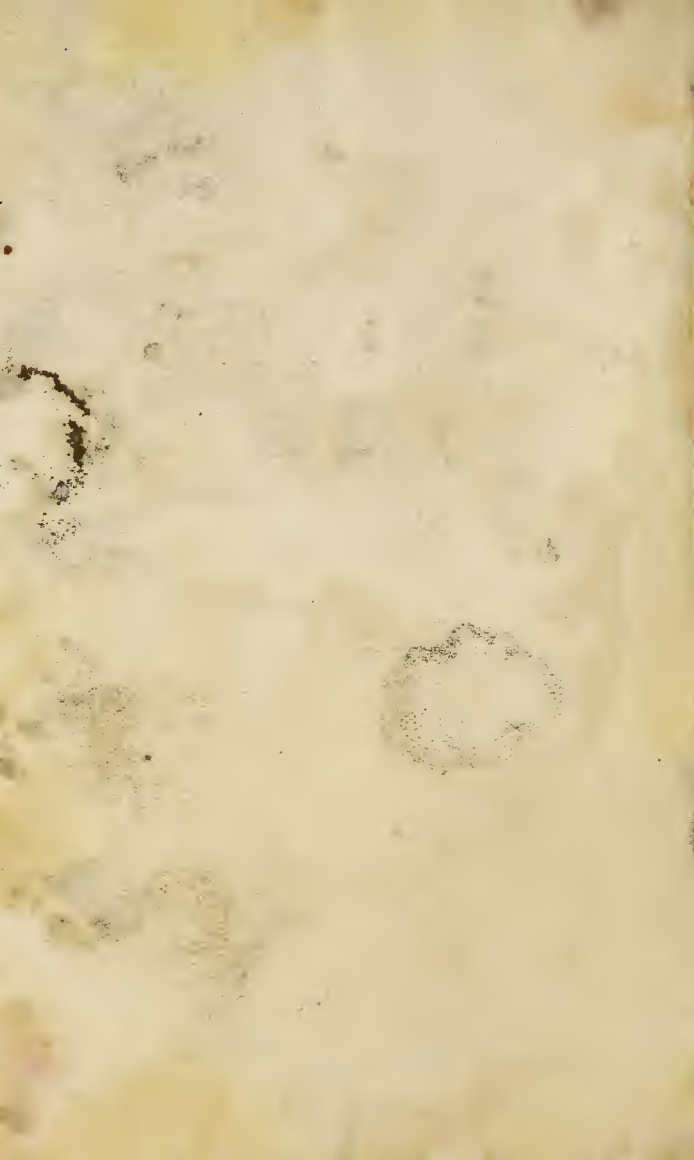
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The Lincoln Club.

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COPY

OF THE

Certificate of Incorporation

—OF—

THE LINCOLN CLUB.

State of New York,
County of Kings, } ss.
City of Brooklyn,

WE, the undersigned, ALBON MAN, E. W. KEYES, GEORGE H. STARR, THOMAS T. EVANS, W. O. WETHERBEE, WILLIAM RAY, JAMES H. PRATT, JOHN M. GODDARD, JOHN J. VAIL, O. W. WILMOT, CHARLES H. OTIS, JOHN BLISS, JOHN GIBB, W. A. ANDERSON, CHARLES K. WALLACE, GEORGE STOWE and HENRY B. SMITH, being all citizens of the United States, and of the State of New York, do hereby certify : That we desire to form a Society or Club, for the purposes hereinafter mentioned, in pursuance of the provisions of an Act of the Legislature of the State of New York, entitled " An Act for the Incorporation of Societies or Clubs, for certain lawful purposes," passed May 12th, A. D. 1875, and amendments thereto. We hereby declare,

First, The name by which such Society or Club shall be known in law is "THE LINCOLN CLUB."

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Second, The particular business purposes and objects for which the said Club is formed, are social and political, and the promotion of social intercourse between its members, and the place of meeting of said Club for the carrying out of its objects and purposes is to be in the City of Brooklyn, County of Kings, and State of New York.

Third, The persons who shall manage the affairs of said Club, shall be known as Trustees, and the number of such Trustees shall be seven, and the names of such Trustees who are to manage the affairs of the Club for the first year are EMERSON W. KEYES, THOMAS T. EVANS, WILLIAM RAY, JAMES H. PRATT, ALBON MAN, JOHN BLISS and CHARLES K. WALLACE.

In witness whereof we have hereunto affixed our hands and seals in the City of Brooklyn aforesaid, on the Thirtieth day of October, A. D. 1879.

In presence of

ARTEMAS B. SMITH.

ALBON MAN,	(L.S.)	JOHN J. VAIL,	(L.S.)
EMERSON W. KEYES,	(L.S.)	O. W. WILMOT,	(L.S.)
GEO. H. STARR,	(L.S.)	CHAS. H. OTIS,	(L.S.)
THOS. T. EVANS,	(L.S.)	JOHN BLISS,	(L.S.)
W. O. WETHERBEE,	(L.S.)	JOHN GIBB,	(L.S.)
WM. RAY,	(L.S.)	WM. A. ANDERSON,	(L.S.)
JAMES H. PRATT,	(L.S.)	C. K. WALLACE,	(L.S.)
J. M. GODDARD,	(L.S.)	GEO. STOWE,	(L.S.)
HENRY B. SMITH, (L.S.)			

State of New York, }
 County of Kings, } ss.

On this 30th day of October, A. D. 1879, before me personally came ALBON MAN, EMERSON W. KEYES, THOMAS T. EVANS, WILLIAM RAY, JAMES H. PRATT, JOHN M. GODDARD, O. W. WILMOT, CHARLES H. OTIS and C. K. WALLACE, each to me known and known to me to be the same persons described in and who executed the foregoing certificate and each for himself to me severally acknowledged that he executed the same.

ARTEMAS B. SMITH,

Notary Public,

For N. Y. Co., Certificate filed in Kings Co.

State of New York, }
 County of Kings, } ss.

On this 4th day of November, 1879, before me personally came GEORGE H. STARR, JOHN BLISS, GEORGE STOWE and HENRY B. SMITH, each to me known and known to me to be the same persons described in and who executed the foregoing certificate and each for himself to me severally acknowledged that he executed the same.

ARTEMAS B. SMITH,

Notary Public,

For N. Y. Co., Certificate filed in Kings Co.

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State of New York, }
 County of Kings, } ss.

On this 11th day of November, 1879, before me personally came JOHN J. VAIL, to me known to be the same person described in and who executed the foregoing certificate and acknowledged to me that he executed the same.

ARTEMAS B. SMITH,
 Notary Public,
For N. Y. Co., Certificate filed in Kings Co.

State of New York, }
 County of Kings, } ss.

On this 11th day of November, 1879, before me personally came W. A. ANDERSON and JOHN GIBB, each to me known and known to me to be the same persons described in and who executed the foregoing certificate and each for himself to me severally acknowledged that he executed the same.

ARTEMAS B. SMITH,
 Notary Public,
For N. Y. Co., Certificate filed in Kings Co.

State of New York, }
 County of Kings, } ss.

On the 12th day of November, 1879, before me personally came W. O. WETHERBEE, to me known to be the same person described in and who executed the foregoing certificate and acknowledged to me that he executed the same.

ARTEMAS B. SMITH,
 Notary Public,
For N. Y. Co., Certificate filed in Kings Co.

I consent that the within certificate be filed, and do hereby approve of the same.

J. W. GILBERT,
*Justice of Supreme Court,
Second Judicial District.*

State of New York, } ss.
County of Kings,

.....	I, JOHN DELMAR, clerk of the county of
.....	Kings, and clerk of the Supreme Court of
.....	the State of New York, in and for said
.....	county (said court being a court of Record),

DO HEREBY CERTIFY that ARTEMAS B. SMITH, whose name is subscribed to the certificate of proof, or acknowledgement of the annexed instrument and thereon written, had at the time of taking such proof, or acknowledgment filed in my office a certified copy of his appointment with his autograph signature annexed, as Notary Public for the county of New York, and further that I am well acquainted with the hand writing of such Notary and verily believe the signature to said certificate is genuine.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the seal of said County and Court this 19th day of November, 1879.

JOHN DELMAR,
Clerk.

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State of New York, } ss.
Office of the Secretary of State,

SEAL
 Secretary
 of State. I have compared the preceding with the original Certificate of Incorporation of THE LINCOLN CLUB, with acknowledgment thereto annexed, filed in this office on the 20th day of November, 1879, and DO HEREBY CERTIFY the same to be a correct transcript therefrom and of the whole of the said original.

WITNESS my hand and the seal of office of the Secretary of State at the City of Albany, this twenty-fourth day of November one thousand eight hundred and seventy-nine.

GEO. MOSS,
Deputy Secretary of State.

State of New York, } ss.
County of Kings,

Kings
 County
 SEAL. I, JOHN DELMAR, clerk of the county of Kings, and clerk of the Supreme Court of the State of New York, in and for said county (said court being a court of Record), Do Hereby Certify that I have compared the foregoing with the original Certificate of Incorporation of THE LINCOLN CLUB on file in my office, and that the same is a true transcript thereof, and of the whole of such original.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the seal of said County and Court this 19th day of November, 1879.

JOHN DELMAR,
Clerk.

ARTICLES OF ASSOCIATION

—OF—

The Lincoln Club.

PART FIRST.

DECLARATION OF PRINCIPLES.

1. The condition of membership shall be absolute and unqualified loyalty to the Government of the United States, and unwavering support of the objects and ends of this Association, hereinafter specified.

2. The primary object of this Association shall be to discountenance and rebuke, by moral and social influences, all disloyalty to the Federal Government, and preserve its just prerogatives, and at the same time to preserve, without infringement, the rights reserved to the States, and the rights and liberty of the citizen.

3. To this end the members will use all proper means, individually and collectively, to resist to the utmost every attempt against the territorial integrity of the nation, and to resist and expose corruption and fraud, and to promote economy and reform in our National, State and Municipal affairs, and to elevate the estimation and standard of American citizenship.

4. The Association will maintain :

That citizenship is a trust reposed in those who hold it, and confers rights upon its worthy possessor, and an interest in every part of the nation ;

That the citizen should exercise his right of suffrage and discharge the duties of his trust, that usurpers of the right of suffrage should be brought to sure and severe punishment, and convicted criminals excluded from voting ;

That citizenship should not be hastily or lightly conferred upon aliens, nor without careful judicial scrutiny and investigation of the character of applicants for its privileges ;

That freedom of the person and the right of free speech accompanies the citizen wherever he may be or go within the bounds of the nation ; and that he is to be protected in his rights and in the discharge of his duty as a citizen, if need be, by the whole power of the nation ;

That it is the duty of the Federal Government to give thorough and effective protection when needed to every American citizen who may be in any foreign country.

5. This Association will encourage the diffusion of more accurate and general information as to the history and principles of our Republican form of State and National Government, and will favor a more thorough education of the people in the rights, privileges and duties of the citizen, and the study of these subjects in all educational institutions.

6. This Association will, so far as it can, discourage and resist all resorts to violence and lawlessness, for whatever purpose, and encourage and sustain the idea that a free people can redress all wrongs and reform all abuses, by lawful means and peaceable measures; and will encourage, above all partisan interests, love of country and pride in our form of Free Government.

PART SECOND.

BY-LAWS.

ARTICLE I.

NAME.

The name of this Association shall be THE LINCOLN CLUB.

ARTICLE II.

OBJECTS.

The objects of this Association shall be to inculcate, and to embody in social and political action, the doctrines and sentiments set forth in the Declaration of Principles hereto prefixed ; to promote acquaintance and intercourse amongst those who cherish these sentiments, with a view to securing their ascendancy in organized political action.

ARTICLE III.

MEMBERSHIP.

ELIGIBILITY.

Sec. 1. To be eligible to membership in this Club, the person proposed must be a citizen of the United States, twenty-one years of age, and must fill the requirements set forth in the foregoing Declaration of Principles.

ADMISSION.

Sec. 2. Persons for whom membership in this Club is desired, must—1. Be proposed in writing, at a regular meeting, by a member in good and regular standing. 2. The name proposed must be referred to the Membership Committee for investigation, and the name shall also be posted in the assembly room of the Club, for the information of members. 3. There must, except as hereinafter provided, be a report from a majority of the Membership Committee in favor of the admission of the person so proposed. 4. After such favorable report, a secret ballot of the members present shall be had, upon the admission of the candidate, and two negative ballots shall reject.

It shall be the duty of the Membership Committee to report within one month, upon all propositions that are referred to them, unless the member proposing any person shall request a suspension of action for a longer or for an indefinite time, or shall withdraw the name altogether from consideration.

Names favorably reported upon by the Membership Committee, shall be posted as such in the assembly room of the Club, for the information of members, until the next regular meeting of the Club, after such favorable report.

When the Membership Committee fail, after one month, to report upon a proposition for membership referred to them, the same may, upon motion of the member who made the proposition, be balloted for by the Club at the next succeeding regular meeting,

provided two additional members in good standing shall sign the following voucher on his behalf, viz., "We hereby certify that we are each personally acquainted with Mr. ———, and do recommend him as being in all respects eligible to membership of The Lincoln Club."

Names reported upon adversely by the Membership Committee, or balloted for and rejected, shall not be again proposed within six months after such adverse report or ballot.

When any member suspects that an adverse ballot upon a candidate may have resulted from inadvertance, he may upon the announcement of the result, demand a second ballot, which shall be at once taken. But no more than two ballots shall be had for any candidate.

NOTICE OF ELECTION TO MEMBERSHIP.

Sec. 3. The Secretary shall duly notify candidates of their election, such notices to be upon the forms now in use, or such as may hereafter be prescribed by the Club. Acceptance may be signified in writing, but an appearance in person, signing the Constitution and By-Laws, and paying the membership fee, shall be necessary to perfect the membership.

FAILURE TO ACCEPT.

Sec. 4. The Secretary shall regularly report to the Club the names of members elect who do not within two months after such notice signify their acceptance of membership in the manner prescribed in the last preceding section. If within one month after such

report there shall still be no acceptance, and whenever membership shall be declined, the Secretary shall strike the name from his elect membership list, unless otherwise ordered by a vote of the Club.

FEES AND DUES.

Sec. 5. The admission fee of members shall be Five dollars, and dues shall be fifty cents each month, or at the option of any member, he may pay five dollars annually, in advance, in lieu of monthly dues.

FORFEITURE OF MEMBERSHIP.

Sec. 6. The Treasurer shall report to the Membership Committee, the names of all members in arrears of their dues for a period of six months, and the Committee may in their discretion suspend the delinquent member, notifying him and the Secretary of the Club of the same. Such suspended member may be restored to active membership at any time within six months, upon payment by him of all arrears of dues, and of this restoration the Secretary shall be notified. If not so restored, the Membership Committee shall report the name of the delinquent and suspended member to the Club, and the Secretary shall strike his name from the membership roll.

EXPULSION OF MEMBERS.

Sec. 7. A member may be expelled from the Club for other cause than non-payment of dues, by a vote of three-fourths of the members present, and voting when the question is taken. But no action shall be taken upon any charges looking to the

expulsion of a member until the same shall have been referred to a committee for a report, and a report be made thereon, nor until one week's notice shall have been given to the accused in which to prepare himself for a hearing upon the charges before the Club, nor until the question has been taken upon permitting the accused member to resign.

ARTICLE IV.

OFFICERS AND COMMITTEES.

OFFICERS.

Sec. 1. The officers of this Club shall be a President, three Vice-Presidents, a Secretary, an Assistant Secretary, and a Treasurer. They shall be elected at the annual meeting on the first Wednesday in May, 1880, and annually thereafter, and hold their offices for one year, and until their successors are elected.

DUTIES OF OFFICERS.

Sec. 2. Their duties shall be such as commonly pertain to their offices, and such as the Club shall from time to time impose. In the absence of the President, the Vice-President first in numerical order, and present, shall preside. The Assistant Secretary shall keep the minutes in the absence of the Secretary, and shall perform such other duties as the Secretary or the Club may direct.

STANDING COMMITTEES.

Sec. 3. There shall also be chosen at the annual meeting in May, 1880, and annually thereafter, the

following Standing Committees: A Finance Committee of five members, a Membership Committee, a House Committee, and an Entertainment Committee, each composed of three members. There shall also be elected four persons, who, together with the President and the Chairman of each standing committee, shall constitute the Board of Trustees of the Club, and who shall as such Board be charged with all the duties and vested with the powers commonly held and discharged by an Executive Committee.

Sec. 4. The officers and members of standing committees, and of the Board of Trustees, shall be chosen by ballot, unless otherwise unanimously agreed to. In case of failure to elect any officer, or member of any committee, or of the Board of Trustees, at any meeting when such election is due, the same may be had at the next or any subsequent regular meeting.

TRUSTEES.

Sec. 5. The Trustees shall have the general management of the affairs of the Club, subject to such instructions and limitations as the Club may from time to time prescribe.

FINANCE COMMITTEE.

Sec. 6. The Finance Committee shall be charged with the duty of procuring moneys that may be required for the general or for special purposes authorized by the Club, and which the fees and dues of membership are insufficient to meet. They shall audit all bills, and certify the same to the Club, except that

when any standing or special committee shall be authorized by the Club to incur any given expenditure, the bills, within the limit prescribed, may be audited by the committee contracting the same, and be paid by the Treasurer upon their certificate. They shall examine the accounts of the Treasurer, and annually compare his payments with the vouchers therefor, and certify to the same.

MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE.

Sec. 7. The Membership Committee shall make diligent inquiry concerning candidates for membership, into their fitness in respect to the requirements for membership enumerated in the Declaration of Principles, and in these By-Laws, and in respect to those social and personal qualities, attributes and associations, which are essential to the promotion of harmony of feeling and effectiveness of action in the Club ; and they shall report their conclusions thereon under the provisions of Sec. 2, Art. III, of these By-Laws. The proceedings of the committee shall be confidential, and no member thereof shall be questioned concerning his conclusions or action, or that of his associates, upon any proposition for membership submitted to them.

HOUSE COMMITTEE.

Sec. 8. The House Committee shall have charge of the rooms, furniture and property of the Club, and shall direct the steward in his duties concerning the same.

ENTERTAINMENT COMMITTEE.

Sec. 9. The Entertainment Committee shall have direction and charge of all entertainments, receptions and public meetings of the Club. They shall engage speakers when the entertainment is of a character to require it, and generally shall have the management of all the social gatherings of the Club, subject to such limitations as the Club shall impose.

STANDING COMMITTEES.

Sec. 10. The several Standing Committees shall have power to adopt such rules and regulations for the conduct of their business as they may find necessary or expedient, not in conflict with these By-Laws or other authorized direction of the Club; and they shall recommend to the Club the adoption of such further rules and regulations concerning matters in their several departments, as their knowledge and experience may suggest as necessary or expedient.

VACANCIES.

Sec. 11. Vacancies occurring in any of the offices or committees hereby created, shall be filled for the unexpired term thereof, at a regular meeting, as soon as practicable after the vacancy shall happen.

SPECIAL COMMITTEES.

Sec. 12. Special Committees shall be appointed by the presiding officer of the meeting at which their appointment is ordered, unless otherwise especially directed by the Club.

ARTICLE V. MEETINGS.

REGULAR MEETINGS.

Sec. 1. Regular Meetings of the Club for the transaction of business, shall be held monthly, on the first Wednesday in each month, at eight o'clock, P. M.

ORDER OF BUSINESS.

Sec. 2. The order of business, at regular meetings, shall be as follows :

1. Reading the Minutes.
2. Reports of Officers.
3. Reports of Standing Committees.
4. Reports of Special Committees.
5. Election of Members.
6. Propositions for Membership.
7. Election of Officers.
8. Unfinished Business.
9. New Business.

SPECIAL MEETINGS.

Sec. 4. Special Meetings may be called by order of the Trustees at any time, and shall be called upon the requisition in writing of members of the Club. The object for which a special meeting is called shall be briefly announced in the notices for the same, and no other business than that so announced shall be transacted.

SUSPENSION OF REGULAR ORDER.

Sec. 5. The regular order of business may be suspended, and a special order substituted therefor, at any time, by a majority of the members present and voting upon the question. When a special order for any meeting has been directed by a previous meeting, it shall be the duty of the presiding officer to suspend the regular order, and announce the special order at the proper time for the same.

QUORUM.

Sec. 6. Twenty members shall constitute a Quorum for the transaction of business.

ARTICLE VI.

SUB-WARD COMMITTEES.

Sec. 1. When the members of the Club from any ward in the City of Brooklyn, are five or more in number, they may organize themselves as a Sub-Committee of the whole, on the affairs and interests of the ward in which they reside, and all matters pertaining exclusively to the interests of any ward, shall be considered only by the Sub-Committee of the ward to which the matter relates. Whenever the local matters of any ward are brought forward at any general meeting of the Club, they shall be referred by the presiding officer, without motion and without debate, to the Sub-Committee of the ward, organized or to be organized, except when the same are brought forward pursuant to previous formal action of the Sub-Committee of the ward, or with the unanimous consent of the members from such ward, present at the time.

Sec. 2. Such Sub-Ward Committees may adopt such rules and regulations for the conduct of their business and affairs as they may deem expedient, not in conflict with these By-Laws, nor with any resolution or regulation of the Club.

Sec. 3. Whenever any such Sub-Ward Committee shall be organized, notice thereof, with the names of the officers of the same, and their residence, shall be given to the Secretary in writing, who shall file the same and communicate the information thereof to the Club, at its next regular meeting after receiving notice thereof. In like manner changes in the officers of such Sub-Ward Committees shall be reported to and filed by the Secretary, and notice thereof given to the Club.

ARTICLE VII.

MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS.

PROCEEDINGS CONFIDENTIAL.

Sec. 1. The language of members in the discussions of questions, and their action thereon, shall be regarded as confidential, and shall not be made public without their consent.

HONORARY MEMBERS.

Sec. 2. Persons may be elected honorary members of the Club by a unanimous vote at any regular meeting. They shall be entitled to the privileges of members, except voting, and without the payment of fees or dues.

AMENDMENTS.

Sec. 3. These By-Laws and the Declaration of Principles may be amended at any regular meeting, or at a special meeting called for that purpose, by a vote of two-thirds of the members present, and voting upon the question. Notice in writing of such proposed alteration must be given at a previous regular meeting, and the same must be posted upon the bulletin board in the assembly room of the Club for one month previous to action being taken thereon.

SUSPENSION OF RULES.

Sec. 4. Any part of these By-Laws, or any rule, regulation or resolution of the Club, may be suspended in its operation for the whole, or any part of an evening, at a regular or special meeting, with the unanimous assent of those present.





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